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our population! Under Washington's administration, the army and navy cost an average of but little more than one million and a quarter a year, in contrast with twenty-two and a half millions last year; *an increase of eighteen hundred per cent*; while this year Congress is solicited to appropriate more than thirty millions for war purposes. We doubt whether any government ever made equally gigantic strides in its expenditures for such purposes in a time of peace. England herself, with her nearly four thousand millions of war-debt now, began her career of war prodigality at a snail's pace in comparison with ourselves.

RECOMMENDATIONS IN FAVOR OF OUR CAUSE.

THE Michigan Yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Connection, at their session in October, at Leoni, Mich., passed unanimously the following resolutions:—

1. That all national wars are from beneath — are in violation of the revealed will of God, that they are inpolitic and at variance with all the true interests of nations and mankind, that they give an unwonted growth and development to man's vitiated nature, that they paralyze improvements, physical, mental and moral, and are one of the Devil's most efficient agencies for peopling the regions of everlasting death.
2. That we consider the American Peace Society eminently an auxiliary to Christianity.
3. That, in our opinion, this Society has done much to dissipate the war-spirit in our own country and in Europe.
4. That we have reason to hope that this society, with its auxiliaries here, and co-operating Societies in Europe, will, if properly sustained, bring in the day of Universal Peace.
5. That we will give our influence to organize a Michigan Peace Society.
6. That we recommend to our ministers and preachers to preach *often* on the subject of Peace, and to circulate Peace publications.
7. That all our ministers and preachers be *required* to preach a sermon on the subject of Peace at least *once* during the year.

We are glad to learn that a considerable number of the ministers in the Conference “presented their names as *pledged* to preach upon and advocate the Cause of Peace.” A good example that *ought* to be followed by all ambassadors to the Prince of Peace; and if they all *would* “go and do likewise,” how surely and speedily might we expect such a change of public opinion throughout Christendom as would put a stop at once to all its actual wars, and an end in due time to its entire war-system.

Recommendations of the Press.—The subject of ‘preaching on Peace,’ is one of vital importance to all the followers of the Prince of Peace, especially at this time, when the Demon of War, whose every effort is an injury to Christianity, is plowing up the soil of Europe with cannon-shot, sowing his path with bones, and filling the air with the lurid light of burning cities, and rendering the land desolate with the blackened ruins of wasted villages, and peopling the fair realms of Christian countries with the frightful train of Famine and Slaughter. Every cannon fired at a foe, is an assault on the religion of Christ. Every hour of War postpones perhaps for years, the coming of the kingdom of Christ on earth. The Christian cannot fight, and he must pray and labor that War may cease, and that peace, with her olives

crowned, shall stretch her dominion from east to west. Christ's kingdom is one of peace. His disciples cannot fight; and it is their duty to adopt all possible means that promise to hasten the time when

— "no war nor battle sound
Is heard the earth around,
Nor hostile chief to furious combat runs," —

the time when the sword shall be turned into a peaceful plowshare, the spear become an implement of industry, nation shall sit with nation in sacred amity, and each man shall be a loving brother to all mankind. Do we desire the reign of Christ, the kingdom of God, the Millennium on earth? We must strive to destroy War. — *Gospel Banner*.

Preaching on Peace is a very important demand of the times. Never was there a period when it was more needed. The mind and views of even the strictest and the most established on the subject may undergo a change almost insensibly to itself. The war excitement abroad, with the thrilling and startling news which reach us by almost every steamer, produces its very natural effect on the American reader. Universal peace and good will to man is Christian doctrine, which no spasms of nations should seriously affect. The idea is a good one. Preach on Peace. — *Buffalo Chris. Advocate*.

Mediation of our Government.—Mr. CLINGMAN, of N. C., in the House, and Mr. SUMNER in the Senate, have made a motion in favor of having our Government offer to mediate between the parties in the Eastern War. A very good proposition; and we are glad to see it received with favor in nearly all quarters, and hope it may be carried into *speedy* effect. Better far if it had been done a year ago, and better now than a few months hence,

Our co-workers in England—are struggling manfully against the war-mania, and putting before the people a mass of facts and arguments that must in time have a decisive affect. John Bright, M. P., has published a Letter on the War of such power, that the war-maniacs, it is said, hung him in effigy at Manchester. We shall give some extracts from it hereafter. From the Continent, too, we hear, amid the din of war, echoes of peace-sentiments which prove that the good leaven is at work even there.

The Press on Peace.—Our newspapers are publishing a multitude of facts respecting this war, but in such a way as will, we fear, do little for the cause of peace; very much as tales of drunken revelry among men otherwise respectable, have been so reported as to increase the prevalent fondness for strong drink. We are glad to see our religious papers beginning to use these facts for peace, instead of merely retailing them for the gratification of their readers; a distinction which all editors ought to bear conscientiously in mind.

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